



**THE BRITISH COLONIST.**

Tuesday Morning, April 18, 1871.

**Exploration Wanted.**

The important principle involved in the injunction, "Man know thyself," is scarcely less applicable to the physical conformation of a new country than to the mentalism of its people. Scarcely a day passes that does not afford fresh illustration of the necessity for a more intimate and extended knowledge of British Columbia. It is scarcely creditable to those to whom have been entrusted the administration of its affairs that there really exists no means of affording anything like definite and intelligent information to the would-be settler, and that no effort has been made with a view to the dissemination of reliable information respecting it in those denser communities from which it might not unreasonably be hoped to draw accessions to our meagre population. Exploration has been so very limited and imperfect that the "oldest settler's" knowledge of the country may almost be said to be bounded by his patrimonial acres. Nor does official knowledge appear to have acquired a much wider range. What, for instance, has a decade spent in the very innocent amusement of map-making in the Lands and Works Department done for the country in so far as affording solid, practical information to the intending settler is concerned? True, we are reminded that a whole and comparatively complete map, now in course of printing at London, will shortly take the place of the fragmentary output of the Lands and Works Office. But it is to be apprehended that even this will be more useful to the student of geography than to the immigrant in pursuit of homestead. The map-maker, in order to be of real practical benefit to British Columbia, ought to be the follower, the disciple, rather than the forerunner of the explorer. We have, all of us, a sort of general knowledge of the vast country about to form the Pacific provinces of the Dominion; but that knowledge is obitiously remarkable for its vagueness. Let any one of us be closely questioned by an intelligent seeker after practical and definite information, and a painful consciousness, if not a candid confession of ignorance, is the result. Take Vancouver Island, for instance, a very fraction of the united colony. How much is known about it? How much of it do we know anything about? We know certain settlements by name; have a sort of indistinct notion of their geographical relations; know little or nothing about the extent of land still available for settlement in each; know that there is an extensive and valuable coal field at Nanaimo; believe there is another at Baynes Sound; have a tolerably distinct knowledge of the existence of an extensive deposit of anthracite coal on Queen Charlotte Island; think, but are not sure, that silver and copper leads abound; have an impression that a magnificent stretch of fertile prairie land extends from Comox to Fort Rupert; have a presentiment of the existence in the centre of this island of a series of silvery lochs and fertile glens, a sort of paradiseal country offering happy homes to about a million of people. But when a rigid line comes to be drawn between the real and the imaginary, it is found that our knowledge is confined to the mere fringes of Vancouver Island, both as regards its agricultural and its mineral resources. If our knowledge be so very limited in regard to this the oldest settled section of the united colony, with its area of eleven thousand square miles, what shall be said of the Mainland, with its two hundred and twenty thousand? Population is desirous of coming to this colony. There are those amongst us who are in quest of information which would cause population to flow thither. But it is unreasonable to expect that the very class of population which it is most important for us to obtain will come to a *terra incognita*, come whither they know not, to what they know not, for what they know not. Clearly, it is one of the first duties of the Government to have explorations made and data compiled with a view to supplying this great want. Confederation with its gigantic public works and enormous expenditure is close upon us; and unless an effort be at once made to direct population to the waiting acres which ought to produce food for the tens of thousands that must find employment upon our public works, it is to be feared that the colony will be found in a condition but ill fitted to profit by the expenditure consequent upon these great works.

**WANTED TO-DAY.**  
**SEAMEN FOR THE SHIP CLAREN-**  
don, for Peru. Apply to J. NAGLE.

**THE LICENSES ORDINANCE, 1870.**  
IT IS NOTIFIED FOR GENERAL IN-  
FORMATION that Licences under the above Ordinance  
for the six months ending 30th June, 1871, are due and  
payable at the Office of the Stipendiary Magistrate, Vic-  
toria. By Order, H B GOOD, Clerk to S M.  
March 18, 1871 ap18

**FOR SALE.**  
200 CASES NO. 1 LEAF LARD,  
100 CASES IXL LARD,  
50 BELLS PASTRY LARD  
200,000 LBS GOOD BACON  
200,000 LBS. EXTRA GOOD, SUGAR  
CURED HAMS,  
J. HEYWOOD,  
Tates Street, near Government. Pork Packer.  
ap18

**FOR VALE AND INTERMEDIATE  
LANDINGS ON FRAZER RIVER.**  
STEAMER HOPE.  
Capt O Parsons, and  
will leave NEW WESTMINSTER on Wednesdays and  
Saturdays until further notice.  
N.B.—The above Steamer will not be responsible for  
the safe-keeping of quidals shipped in tins or glass. ap18

**IMPORTANT SALE OF  
LIVE STOCK!**  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAN  
has been instructed by the Hudson Bay Com-  
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valuable and well-bred stock on the Langley  
Farm, consisting of Milch Cows, Work Oxen, Steers and  
Young, consisting of Various Ages. Also—number of well-  
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large lot of secondhand Ornaments, &c., &c., all of which  
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## Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

### ENTERED.

April 17—Star Olympia, Finch, Pt Townsend

Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster

### CLEARED.

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### PASSENGERS.

For Star Olympia—Capt. Lawson and wife, J. Leary & wife, Miss Hamilton, Miss Norton, Miss Dunn, Mrs. Flock, Mrs. Paton, Col Rice, Mr. Attridge, E. Campion, O. Hastings, F. Seymour and others.

Per Star Isabel fm Puget Sound.—Mrs. Moses & children

Mrs. Green, Nicholson, Hunt, Lucker, Simmons, Clark, Brown, McKay, Hallen, Bagott, Baker, Baker, Jordan, Iunis, Thomas and 42 others.

### CONSIGNEES.

Per Star Olympia—L. S. Reynolds, Stafford & Hickens.

### IMPORTS.

Per Star Olympia—6 bbls 10 tons tallow, 99 sheep, 15 cattle, 10 cars mutton.

### BIRTH.

At Yale, April 16, the wife of C. E. Pope, Esq., of a son.

## NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest Telegraphic Dispatches. Having, consequently, the largest circulation, its value as an Advertising Medium is apparent.

PUGET SOUND ITEMS.—Capt. Hill of the steamer Black Diamond has demonstrated the navigability of the Snoqualmie River up as far as the Falls, or about 30 miles above its confluence with the Snohomish. This is regarded as highly important to the section of country drained by that stream.

The fair for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church, held at Seattle last week, was very successful, realizing \$567, although only a portion of the articles was disposed of.... Quite a number of the passengers who came by the Pacific went over the Sound to settle.... The Aome Amateur Minstrels gave their first performance to a large audience at Port Gamble in aid of the schools. They acted very creditably.... S. F. Coombs of Seattle has been appointed Wells, Fargo & Co's agent for that place.... The Secretary of the U.S. Treasury has rendered a decision sustaining Collector Drew in doing the North German ship Herman and Emma, and the steamer California. The former was fined \$500 for violation of the revenue laws, and the latter \$1000 for landing passengers and freight at Victoria from Portland without having cleared for Victoria.

THE CHARGE OF INCENDIARISM.—Arthur W. Smith, a plasterer, was yesterday brought before Mr. Pemberton upon a charge of firing the dwelling on Gordon street, lately occupied by Mrs. Roebotham. The evidence goes to show that Smith boarded with Mrs. Roebotham for some time; but having lately quarreled they separated, and Smith on several occasions threatened her with violence, whereupon she changed her residence for the premises just destroyed. On the evening of the fire she ran away with the two children, leaving the doors locked. Upon her return, at 8 o'clock, she found the front door open and Smith inside. Fearing an assault she ran to fetch a policeman, and during her absence her little boy swore he saw Smith in the bedroom throwing paper on a fire that was burning in one corner of it. The prisoner stands remanded for two days.

BLACKWOOD SLANDERS.—In the Canadian House of Commons, during the debate upon the Northwest item of \$400,000, Sir Geo E. Cartier distinctly stated it as his belief that the calumnious Blackwood magazine article on the expedition was written by Colonel Wolseley. Mr. Thomas Workman chivalrously attempted to defend the Colonel, but could say nothing beyond the fact that he did not believe Col. Wolseley could ever utter what he knew to be false and malignant. Hon. Mr. Macdonagh spoke on the question, stigmatizing the reference in the Blackwood article to the public men of this country as unfair and a specimen of that "snobbery" which some military men indulge in whenever they referred to colonists and colonies. His remarks elicited many "hears" from both sides of the House.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—On Sunday morning Rev Dr Punshon preached a powerful sermon to full congregation at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In the evening Rev Mr Johnson preached at the same church. At the close of the morning service, Rev Mr Crosby of Nanaimo was ordained as a Minister of the Wesleyan Church..... At St Andrew's Church, on Sunday morning, Rev Mr McGregor preached the annual sermon before the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. The audience was large.... The brig Robert Cowan, Capt. Ravelley, will sail to-day for Sooke to load with lumber for Honolulu.... The Enterprise sails at 10 o'clock this morning for New Westminster.

THE REV. DR. PUNSHON and party will proceed to New Westminster to day and will thence ascend the river as far as Boston Bar. Dr Punshon will probably lecture at New Westminster and Yale, and is expected to return here on Saturday. On Sunday next he will preach at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and on Monday evening will lecture at the Theatre. On Tuesday the party will leave by the steamer for Oregon and California.

THE DIAMOND DIGGINGS.—The interesting letter which we publish to-day from our special African correspondent is from the pen of W. A. Harris, Esq., formerly one of the proprietors of this journal. The Colonist enjoys the honor of being the first and only journal on the Pacific coast of America—not excepting the larger and wealthier journals of San Francisco—to receive direct correspondence from these wonderful fields.

The following tenders for the erection of a cottage for Mr. G. Promis on Cormorant street were opened yesterday by Mr. Chas. Verheyden, architect; Smith Allatt, \$1255. Field, \$1782.50. Teague, \$1750. Moir, head, \$1658. Hayward & Jenkinson, \$1649. The last being the lowest tender has been accepted, and the work will begin immediately.

The British ship Clarendon, from Moody's Mills with lumber, arrived in the outer harbor yesterday. She will sail for Callao.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Last night the performance was before a rather better audience than has been assembled at the theatre for several evenings. The entertainment was composed of the serio-comic drama entitled "Le Favre Jacques," the farce entitled "Object of Interest," and the operatic burletta entitled "Our Gertrude." The playing was good throughout, especially in the leading characters taken by Mr and Mrs Beatty.

AMONG the passengers by the Olympia yesterday were Col E. C. Rice, U. S. Consul at Yokohama, Japan, E. Sampson, Esq., of New York and John Leary, Esq., and wife of Seattle, W.T. We understand that Col Rice will return to Japan, settle up his business there and make his future home at Victoria. The party return to Puget Sound to day.

LAND PURCHASE.—Capt. Brown, who arrived here the other day in command of the Robert Cowan, from Honolulu, has purchased two farms on Cedar River, near Seattle, in Washington Territory, with a view to settling his family thereon. Capt. Brown will bring his family from the Sandwich Islands immediately.

FRANKLIN'S SALE AT COQUILTZ FARM.—At the sale at Coquiltz farm yesterday ewe lambs brought \$7 each, rams \$3 @ 10, two breeding sows and litters of 10 \$31, oats \$23 per ton, potatoes \$15, 2 mares \$45 each, Spanish fowls 80 cents each. The remainder of the goods brought good prices. The attendance was large. Mr. Plummer officiated.

A WISE MOVEMENT.—The Seattle *Intelligencer*, in an able article, advocates the immediate organization of an Agricultural and Mechanical Society for Washington Territory. It is quite time our neighbors had some such organization.

THE Pacific reached Portland on Saturday. She fortunately met the Idaho for San Francisco at Astoria, to which vessel the Pacific's passengers, mail and express were transferred.

THE steamer Olympia, with 70 passengers and a small freight, arrived yesterday afternoon from Olympia and way ports, and will sail again at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Finch, purser, has our thanks for customary favors.

We attach little importance to the dispatch announcing the alleged basis of an agreement for the settlement of the Alabama Claims.

MAY WELLS BEATTY.—A benefit to Miss May Wells Beatty, the little fairy who is at present delighting audiences at the Theatre, is spoken of. She deserves a bumper.

THE steamer Isobel arrived from the Sound this morning at 12:30, with 60 passengers and a mail. Purser Hayes has our thanks for the usual favors.

THE contract for freighting the machinery of the Lane & Kurtz Company to Cariboo has been awarded Messrs. Lane & Greenman.

ED TOWER, a pioneer stock-raiser of the Malibaud, is reported dead at San Francisco.

REV. MESSRS. PUNSHON and Johnson dined at Government House last evening.

THE brig Byzantium, Capt. Calhoun, is due from the Sandwich Islands.

THE Dawson & Douglas Whaling Party are fitting out for the summer's cruise.

THE brig Foster, out 22 days, is hourly looked for.

THE ISABEL, with the mails, sailed yesterday morning for Port Townsend.

By Electric Telegraph,

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

### Europe.

VERSAILLES, April 14—Thiers has issued another circular which says fighting of an important character had been going on for two days. Chatillon and the southern forts of Paris continue to fire without effect. Our troops are well established in their positions and have repulsed a sortie. Our communications are perfect, while those of the insurgents are destroyed. General Wolf by a sortie from our lines has damaged the preparations of the insurgents for an attack on

the Fields.

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The nearest practicable route to the Fields is from this port. Natal and Cape Town are trying to mislead by holding out delusive inducements to come that way, but this is the port whence the Fields draw all their supplies and Port Elizabeth is not only geographically nearer to the diggings, but there are two or three main roads from this place to Vaal River passing through different inland towns where supplies of all kinds can be procured—advantages possessed by neither of the other starting points. Within the last six weeks I should say 200 fresh arrivals—mostly Englishmen, but including a few Australians and some foreigners—have left this place for the Fields all of whom readily found means of conveyance. The charge for a passage to the Fields (exclusive of provisions) varies according to circumstances from say \$25 to \$50. The distance is reckoned at about 475 miles and occupies with an ox and wagon about a month or five weeks; with a cart and four horses about twelve days. Some of the recent arrivals booked right through to the Fields, and were duly forwarded in comfortable wagons, but the majority formed themselves into parties of about 10 or 12 and hired a wagon between them for about £70. The charge may seem high but it is only commensurate with the risk of losing some of the oxen and the length of time occupied in the journey.

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## Eastern States

WASHINGTON, April 15—The statement published to-day purporting to be the basis agreed upon by the Alabamians for the settlement of the Alabama Claims, is viewed here as a mere expression of the opinion of individual members of the Commission, and does not warrant the belief that an agreement has been reached.

WASHINGTON, April 15—A special to the Post says the social circles are much excited in consequence of the refusal of the Catholic clergy to perform the marriage ceremony next week at the marriage of Mr. Rangabe, Greek Charge d'Affaires, and Miss Gerolt, daughter of Baron Gerolt. The reason for the refusal is that the parties intend to have the marriage solemnized also in New York according to rites of the Greek Church. In consequence of the refusal of the Catholic clergy, no ceremony is to be had here and the contracting parties will proceed to New York on Monday and there be married.

## Second Dispatch.

### Exclusive to the 'Colonist.'

#### Europe.

VERSAILLES, April 15—in the National Assembly to-day a partial financial statement was submitted by the Government. Estimates for the military service are not yet fixed, but in other branches Ministers will economise to the amount of 107,000,000 during the last half of the present fiscal year. The exact amount cannot be ascertained until quiet has been restored to the country.

NOTING of importance of a military character has transpired, and official and explicit denial is given to various charges of cruelty attributed to the Versailles authorities and military.

Lockney, a dramatic author, who recently resigned his seat in the Assembly in order to remain with the Communists, was arrested yesterday at Neuilly and brought to Versailles.

BERLIN, April 15—No date has been fixed for the triumphal entry of the German army into the Capital, but it is generally believed the longlooked for event will occur during the month of May or June.

#### Oregon.

PORTLAND, April 17—The steamer Pacific arrived on Saturday and sails this morning for San Francisco. The California arrived here last evening from Victoria. The passengers from the Pacific were transferred to the Idaho at Astoria on Friday.

#### The Cape Diamond Fields.

(BY AN OLD CORRESPONDENT.)

PORT ELIZABETH, ALGOA BAY, }

January 13, 1871.]

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—As the discovery of Diamonds in South Africa has caused public attention to be directed to this Colony, perhaps a few random jottings from an old correspondent residing near the glittering deposits may be acceptable to the readers of the *Colonist*, particularly to those who may entertain a desire to join the strong now wending its way to the South African Eldorado. Without further prelude I shall proceed to offer a few comments on our

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Boys say—he finds himself in a hard case, and is more or less dependent on the good Samaritans of the community, of whom, it is said to their credit, there appear to be many. I know of one instance where an apparently broken down digger appeared to be part company comprising some friends of mine for assistance and was fed and maintained by them for several days. At the end of that time he called the captain of the party aside and said, "what am I going to tell you is strictly between ourselves at present, you have been very kind to me, and I have a few diamonds which I am going to take back with me, here is one which I request you to accept in return for your kindness (offering a fine gem of 7 or 8 carats) but don't breath it to a soul till I am out of the way, as I am going to tramp back to Natal and intended to abuse the country and my bad luck all along the road." This eccentric genius had diamonds of considerable value in his possession, but was possessed with the idea that he would be robbed of them before he could reach his home.

Diamonds may possibly decline in value

from a superabundant supply, but there need be no apprehension of the fields being overcrowded or worked out since the precious gems are already known to exist over an area of 150 miles or thereabouts, and as soon as one rich deposit is worked out another is prospecting and causes a rush.

